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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Ongoing Case Against Microsoft

I am a holder of 500 shares of Microsoft, but I do not submit this letter as a disgruntled stockholder, but as a concerned citizen. To set the record straight I also own stock in 45 other companies some, such as Sun Microsystems and AOL Time Warner, are Microsoft competitors. To be a competitor is one thing, but to use our political system (read that as Federal and State Government's) to put down a competitor is surely a different matter. It has to be clear to everyone involved in this mockery of justice that states housing Microsoft competitors are being used (that is their Federal and State elected representatives) by these competitors to accomplish what they couldn't do to compete. I hate to see a very successful business being persecuted because of their success. The money being wasted on government and private lawyers is disgraceful and angers me both as a stockholder and a taxpayer. We should be more interested in having more companies pushing technological advances and creating employment for our citizens than tearing down a company that has and continues to do just that. Obviously the current Judge and half the states believe a just punishment has been determined, please put an end to having private industry using the government to accomplish what they can't do in head-to-head competition. Please put this case to an end, I for one am tired of supporting lawyers. Thank you for allowing us common citizens a chance to express our views on this matter. I expect that's one of the reasons I spent over 30 years with the Marine Corps.

Semper Fidelis,

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